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WHY WE EXIST

Passenger Rail Service through Southern
Montana ended 42 years ago



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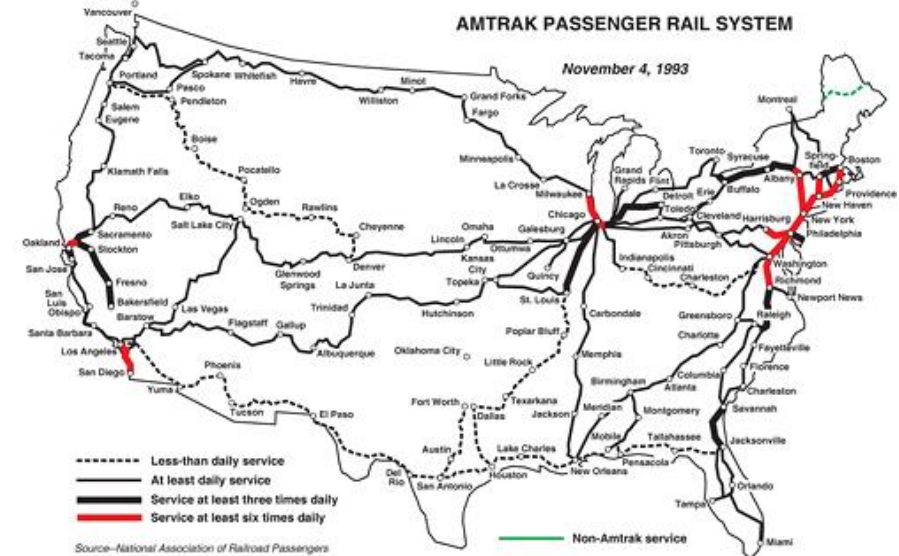
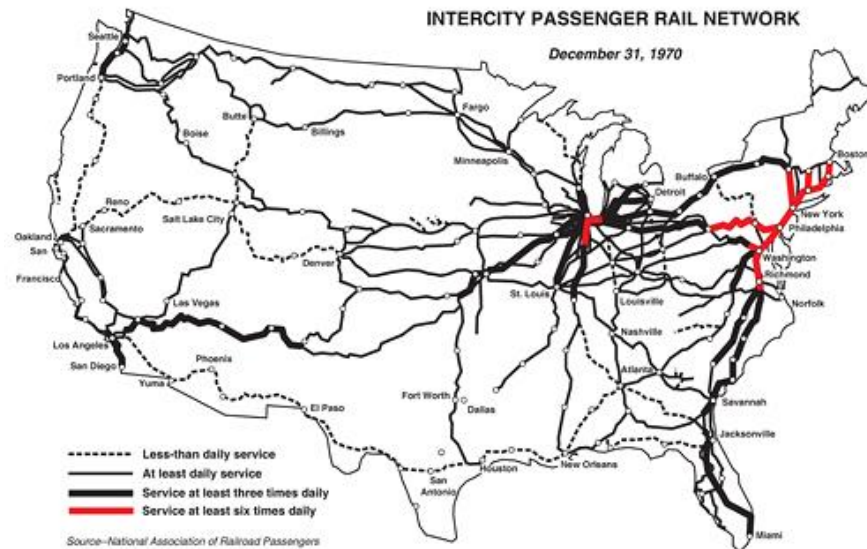
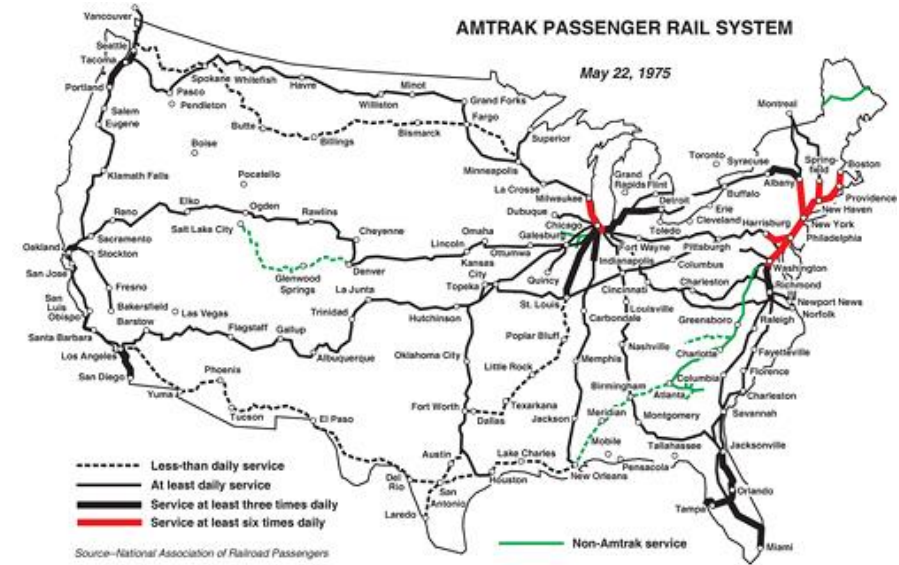
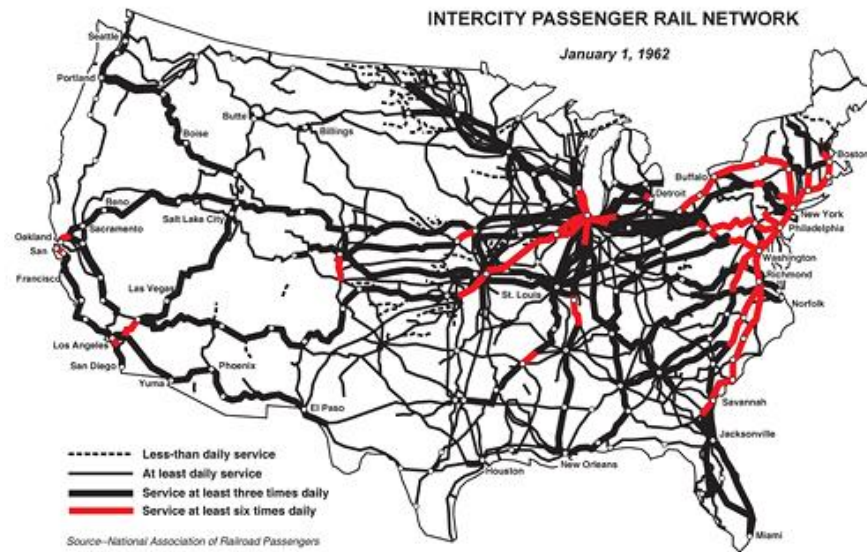
AND . . .

Simply trying the same thing and expecting
different results will likely yield the same
results

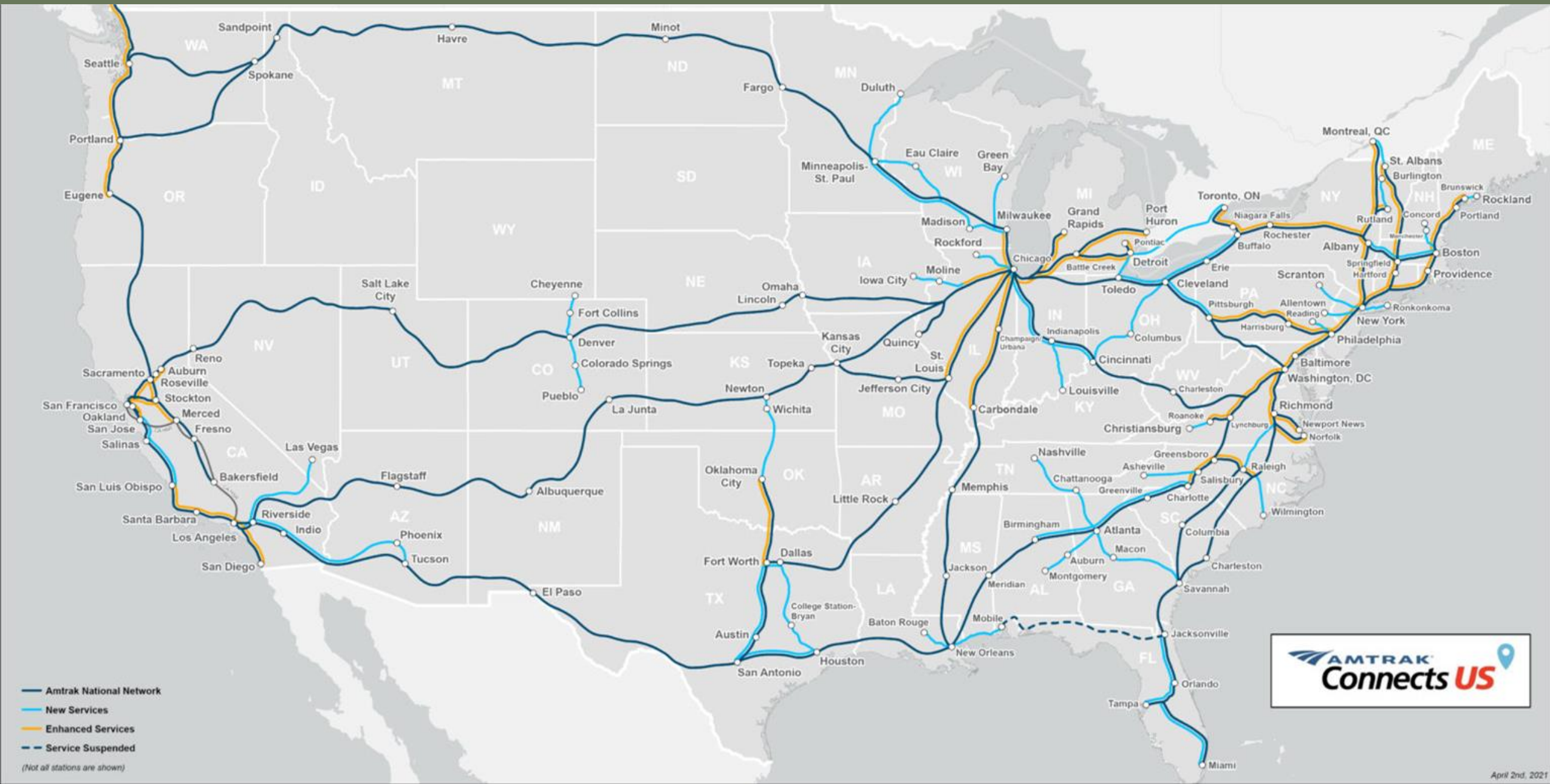


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EROSION OF PASSENGER RAIL OVER TIME: 1962 TO 1993



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PEOPLE LIVE HERE!

- Amtrak National Network
- New Services
- Enhanced Services
- Service Suspended

(Not all stations are shown)



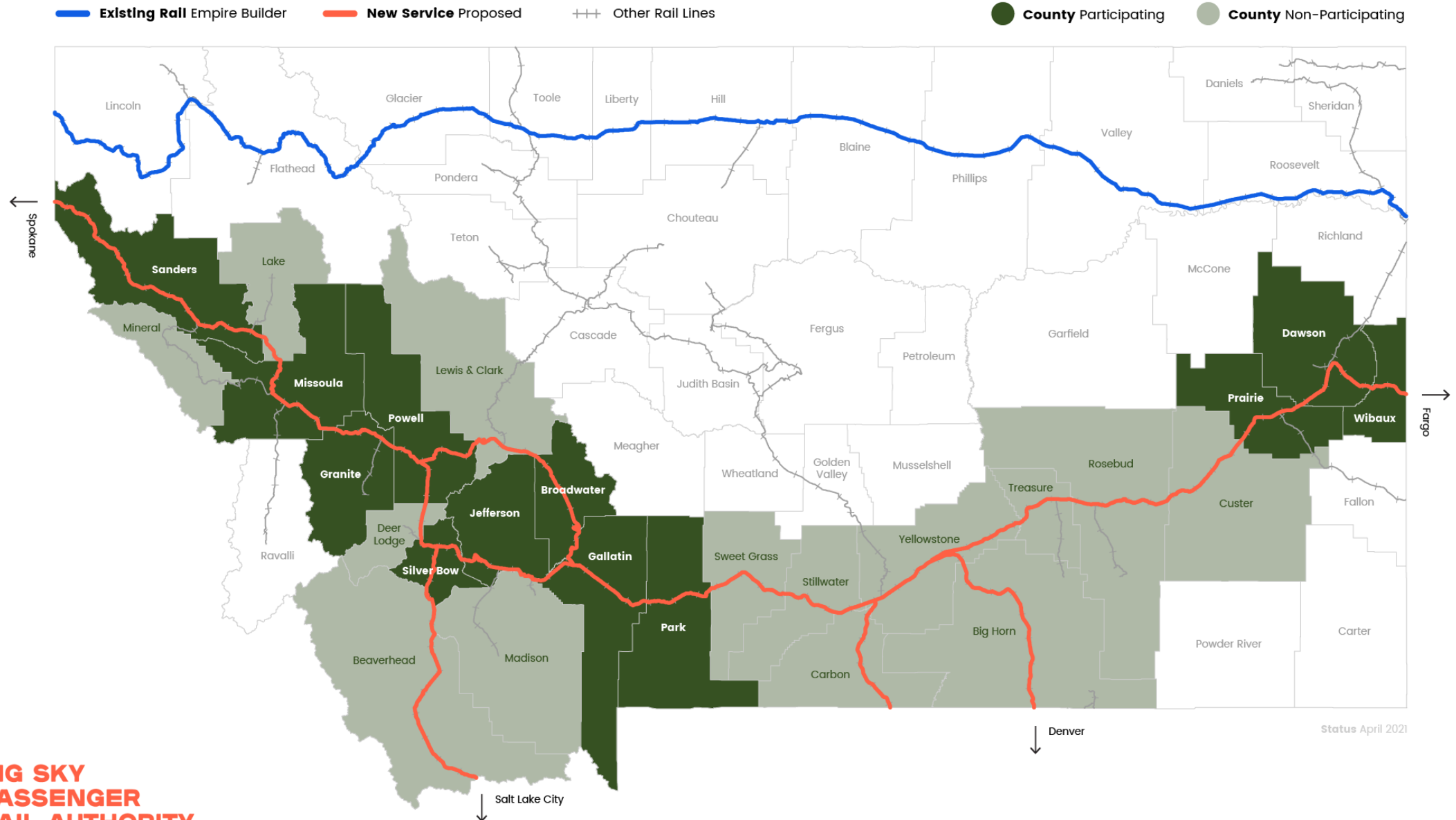
OUR MISSION

To provide for the reestablishment of safe, reliable, and sustainable passenger rail service across southern Montana that increases opportunity and contributes to the health and well-being of people across the state and beyond



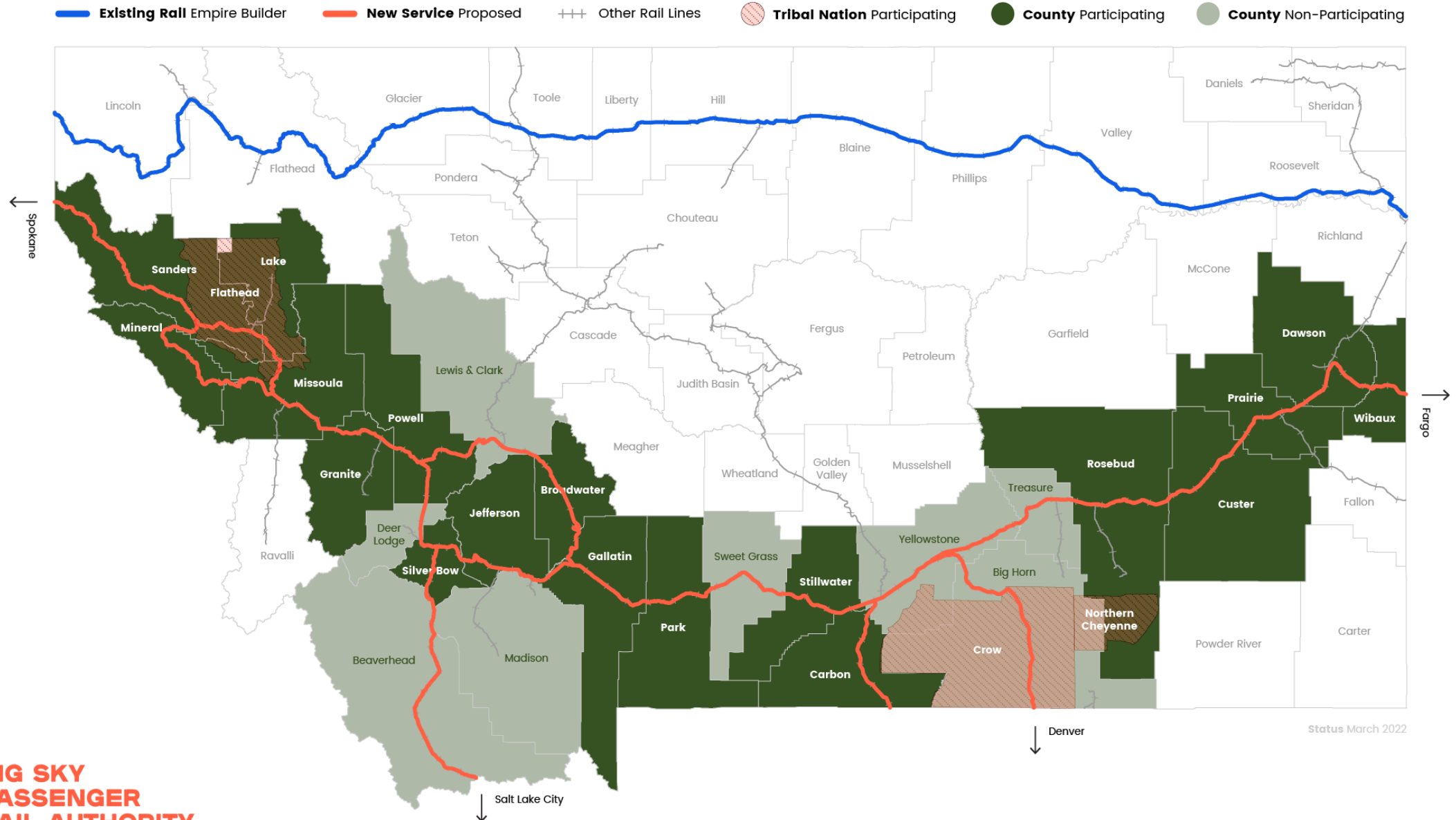
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12 FOUNDING MEMBER COUNTIES



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18 CURRENT MEMBER COUNTIES



BSPRA MILESTONES

ESTABLISHED NOVEMBER 2020

2021
BOARD CONVENED JANUARY

FIRST IN-PERSON MEETING
AUGUST

ADOPTED FIRST BUDGET

HELPED PASS KEY LEGISLATION

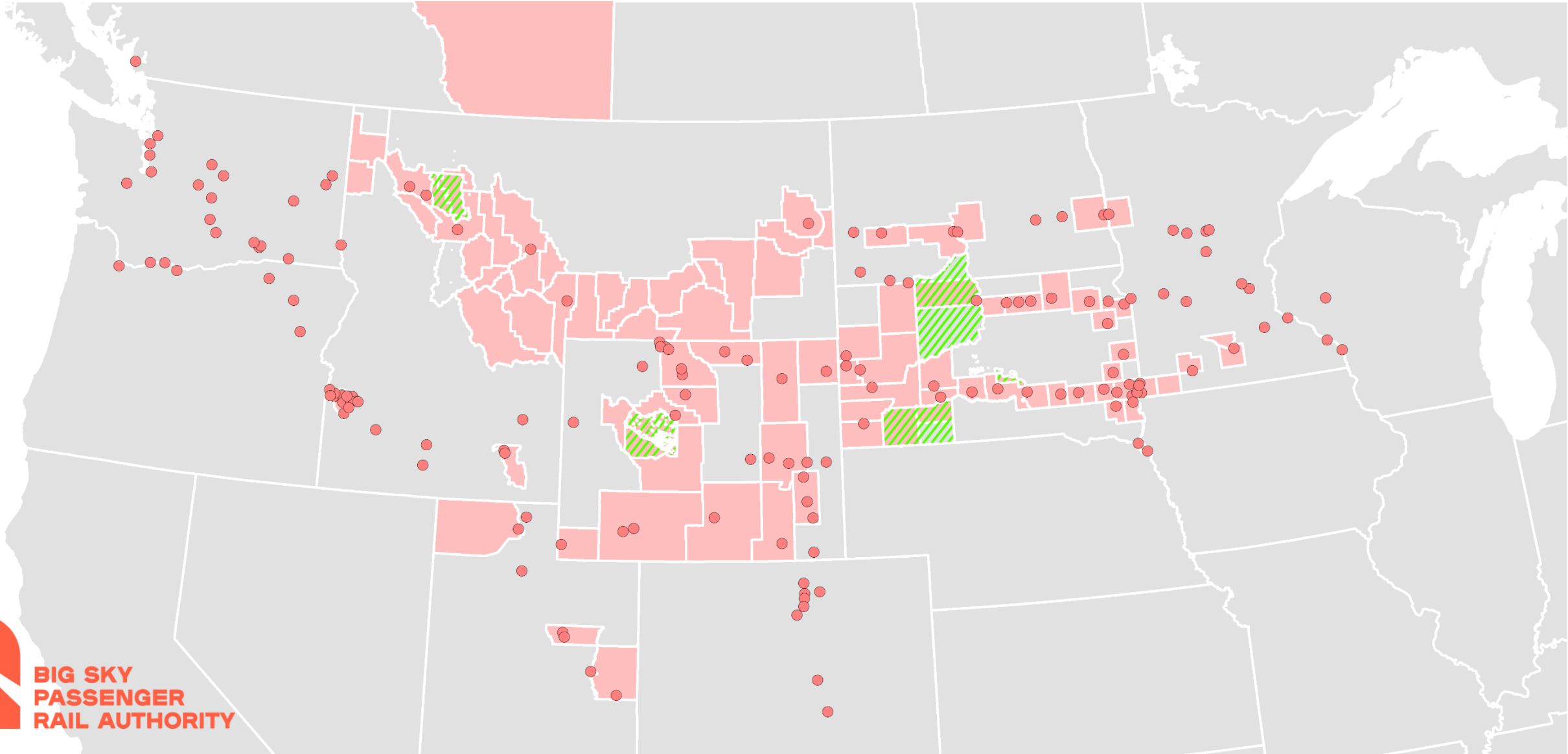


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GREATER NORTHWEST PASSENGER RAIL COALITION

Interstate cooperation & collaboration is critical



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IN THE NEWS



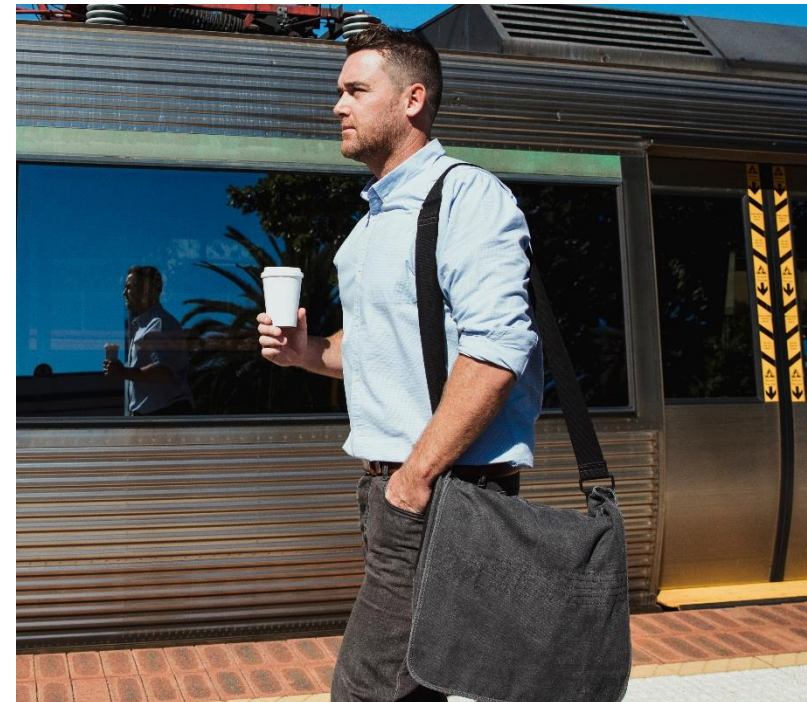
RAIL CORRIDORS

Why Montana needs to revitalize a long-distance rail system.

Rail corridors generate value by acting as economic engines in the communities they serve—through jobs, retail, mobility, tourism and real-estate development.

-Rail Passengers Association

Commuting by rail is a critical component of an ecosystem of transportation. Montana is poised for fundamental transformation to move away from an automobile-based transportation model to reduce the growing tension of explosive growth in population and environmental concerns.



TRAVELING BY RAIL IS EASY AND CONVENIENT

Driving is time consuming, wastes fuels, and degrades the environment.

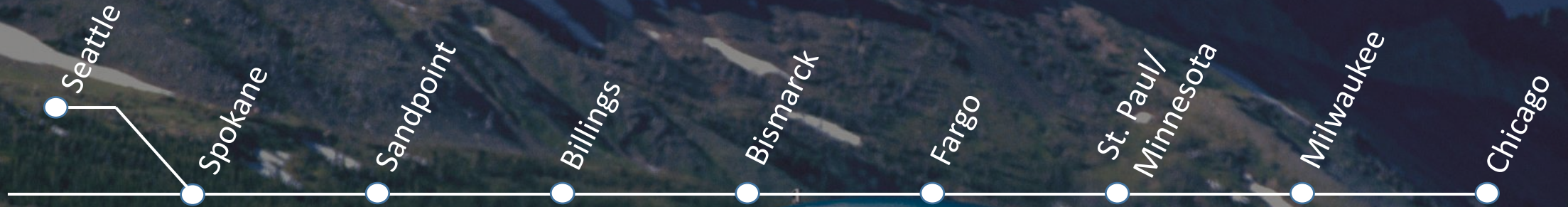
Riding a train offers time to read, watch a movie, or catch up with friends or work.

Towns were developed around rail stations, so it is easy to access the heart of downtown at every stop.

Passengers can get around with an Uber/Lyft, bus, bike, or rental scooter for the “last mile” commute.



PROJECTED START-UP RETURNS FOR THE NORTH COAST HIAWATHA



**Annual Economic Return to U.S.
\$271 million**

**Annual Economic Return to Montana
\$44.6 million**

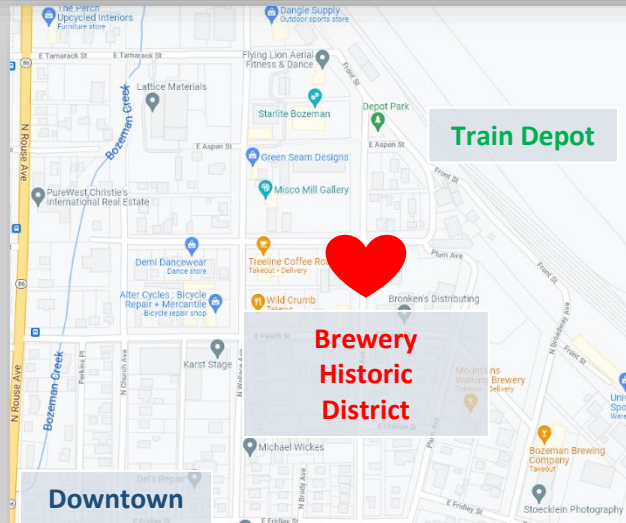
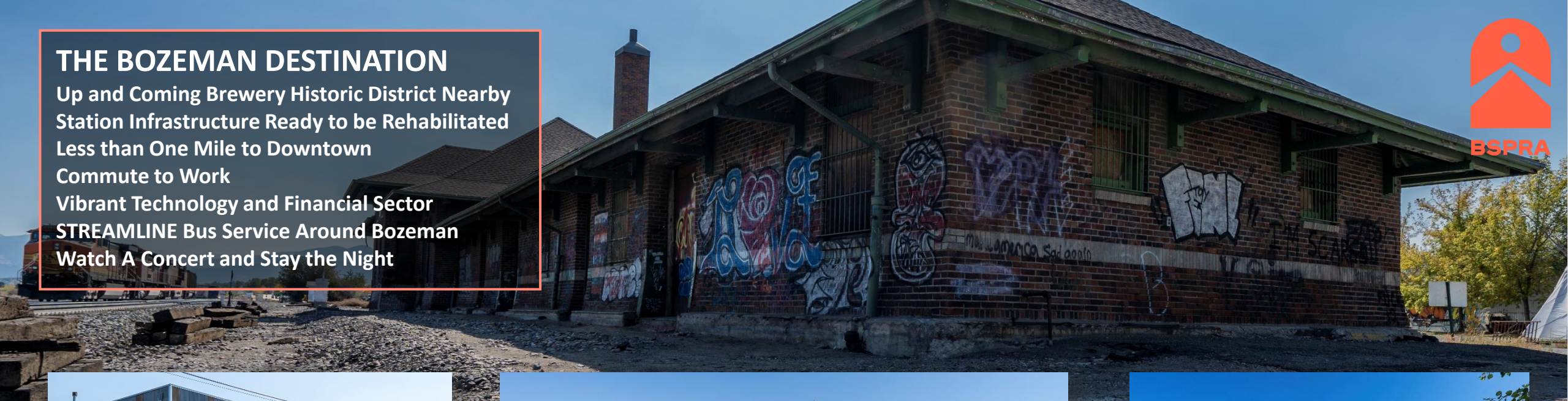
Annual Ridership of 426,000



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THE BOZEMAN DESTINATION

Up and Coming Brewery Historic District Nearby
Station Infrastructure Ready to be Rehabilitated
Less than One Mile to Downtown
Commute to Work
Vibrant Technology and Financial Sector
STREAMLINE Bus Service Around Bozeman
Watch A Concert and Stay the Night



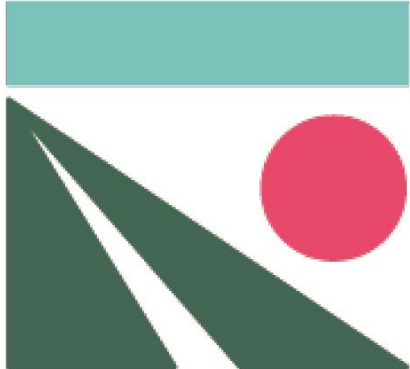
THE LIVINGSTON DESTINATION

Vibrant Downtown
Station Infrastructure Established
Easy to Stroll
Eat and Drink
Art Galleries
Go Shopping
Spend an Afternoon or a Night



NEXT STEPS FOR THE BSPRA IN 2022

Plan	Collaborate with FRA on the IJA Section 22214 North Coast Hiawatha study
Organize	Complete strategic planning, add executive management, build internal capacity
Collaborate	Add additional counties to BSPRA, work with host railroads and other partners
Gather	Host a regional rail summit . . .



GREATER NORTHWEST PASSENGER RAIL SUMMIT

Registration now open!

**Monday, Aug. 22 –
Tuesday, Aug. 23**

Billings, MT

Northern Hotel
19 N. Broadway
Billings, MT 59101

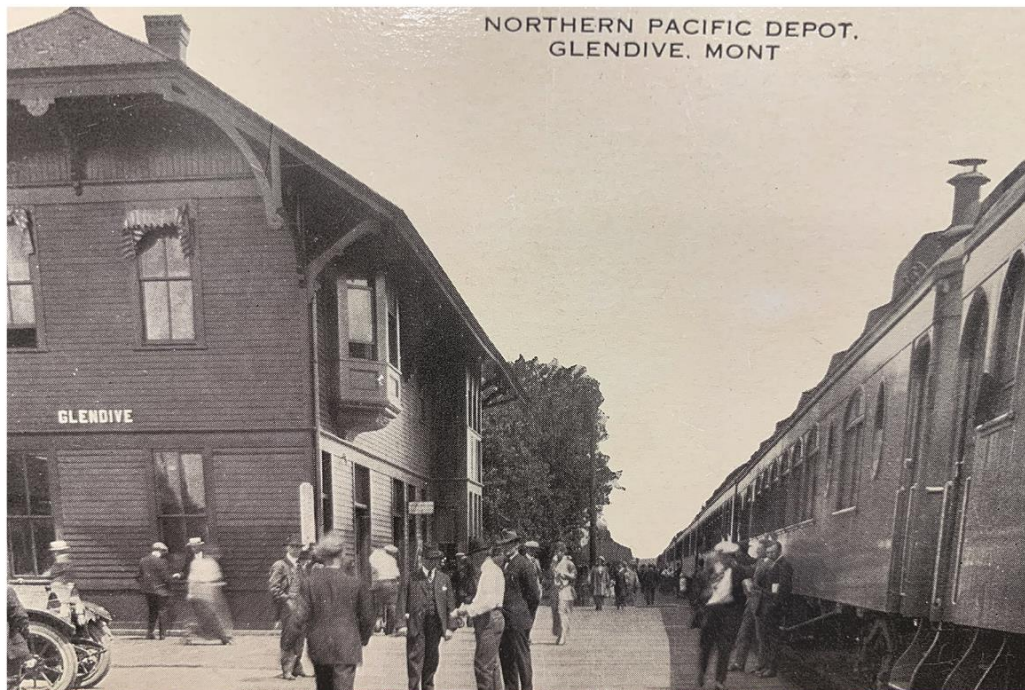
gnwprs.org

Register by July 15 for Early Bird specials!

*Connecting to our past...
Building for our future!*



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